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25X1        10. [REDACTED] During the course of the day, met the following persons to brief them on the termination of a special Agency project: Messrs. Darden and Woodruff, of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees staffs, Senators Milton Young, Margaret Chase Smith, Stennis, Jackson and Symington, and Representative William Bates. (See Memorandum for the Record for details.)

During our briefing of Senator Young, the Senator requested a briefing on the new Soviet fighter aircraft which he described as the "successor of the MIG-23". The Senator said that he had asked a high level Air Force officer about this aircraft during a recent Appropriations briefing but the officer was unable to provide him with any information of substance. The Senator was advised that we would look into this and be in touch with him early next week.

Following my briefing of Senator Margaret Chase Smith, the Senator asked if there was any new information regarding the Pueblo. I told her that I was not aware of anything except for the movement of the ship from Wonsan to Najin and the reported dismantling of it. The Senator expressed considerable interest in the dismantling and asked if we could provide her with our judgment as to the significance of this North Korean action.

Representative Bates expressed deep interest in many of the technical aspects of the program being terminated. It was agreed that we would meet with him again next week and provide someone who could discuss these technical aspects with him.

25X1        11. [REDACTED] Attempted to contact Chairman Russell to brief him on the cancellation of a sensitive Agency project in which he is interested. The Senator was unavailable and [REDACTED] briefed William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, who later reported to Senator Russell.

25X1        After lunch, [REDACTED] and I checked with Mr. Woodruff who had briefly reported the matter to Senator Russell. Woodruff quoted the Senator as expressing interest in several follow-up questions. (These have been passed to the Director and to Mr. Duckett who will provide the Director with material for answering these questions when the Director sees the Senator personally the first of the week.) For further details regarding the cancellation of the above mentioned special project, see Memorandum for the Record.